The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

1. Opening Prayers:

First, make the Sign of the Cross. Touch the forehead, then the chest, then the left shoulder, then the right shoulder, while saying:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recite this opening prayer once:

You expired, O Jesus, but the Source of Life gushed forth for souls and the Ocean of Mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

Recite the following prayer three times:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.

Then recite one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Apostles Creed: **I believe in God**, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

2. The Decades of the Chaplet:

After the Opening Prayers, the next prayers are said in sets of ten, called 'decades.' A set of five decades is called a 'chaplet.' The prayers are said using ordinary Rosary beads.

On the single large bead (before each set of ten smaller beads) recite:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Then, on each of the ten smaller beads, recite:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(*Alternate version of this prayer:* For the sake of Jesus Christ's sorrowful Passion and death on the Cross, have mercy on us and on the whole world.)

After each set of ten prayers, many persons add:

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.

Repeat the above set of prayers, called a decade, five times to complete one ***Divine Mercy Chaplet****.*

3. Closing Prayers:

Recite the following prayer three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Then recite this closing prayer:

Eternal God, Your Mercy is endless, and Your treasury of compassion is inexhaustible. Look with kindness upon us and increase Your Mercy within us, so that, in difficult moments, we may not despair, nor become despondent, but may, with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Finally, make the Sign of the Cross again:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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